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FM AMEMBASSY PRETORIA

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 853

INFO AMCONSUL CAPE TOWN

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UNCLAS PRETORIA 4897

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SUBJECT: SOUTH AFRICAN VISA PROBLEM

REF: PRETORIA 4843

A-3925 OF MAY 15, 1974.

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CAPE TOWN FOR EMBASSY

1. WHILE IT IS STILL EARLY IN THE GAME, THE SAG VISA MACHINERY HAS FINALLY BEGUN TO GRIND OUT LONG-AWAITED VISAS TO AMERICAN DIPLOMATS, OFFICIALS, PCV'S AND AID PERSONNEL IN SOUTHERN AFRICA.

2. ALMOST WITHOUT EXCEPTION VISAS ARE ISSUED ONE-YEAR VALIDITY, MULTIPLE-ENTRIES. AS ORIGINALLY REQUESTED BY APPLICANTS, ALL HAVE BEEN ISSUED AS LOOSE-LEAF DOCUMENTS WITH THE PROVISIO, HOWEVER, THAT VISA BE STAMPED IN UNCLASSIFIED

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PASSPORT AT FIRST OPPORTUNITY.

3. DFA WILL CONTINUE COOPERATION WITH EMBASSY PRETORIA ON EMERGENCY REQUESTS FOR ADMINISTRATIVE ARRANGEMENTS IN CERTAIN LIMITED MEDICAL CASES AND OTHER OFFICIAL TRIPS PLANNED ON SHORT NOTICE. HOWEVER, DFA EMPHASIZED MORE THAN ONCE THAT PERSONNEL PLANNING STRICTLY HOLIDAY TRIPS TO SOUTH AFRICA BE IN POSSESSION VALID VISA PRIOR TO ARRIVAL. OTHERWISE, ALL AMERICANS ENTERING SOUTH AFRICA AFTER NOVEMBER 15, 1974, MUST HAVE VALID VISAS. LAISSEZ-PASSER NO LONGER TO BE ISSUED NOR HONORED AFTER THAT DATE.

4. OFFICIAL TRAVELERS LOCATED WHERE NO SOUTH AFRICAN DIPLOMATIC MISSION IS FOUND SHOULD ADVISE PRETORIA AS BEFORE OF PLANNED TRIPS TO SA. THOSE COMING FOR HOLIDAY PURPOSES ARE TO APPLY FOR VISA THROUGH PRETORIA A MONTH OR MORE IN ADVANCE. MATTER MORE FULLY EXPLAINED IN A-3925 OF MAY 15, 1974, BEING REVISED FOR WORLDWIDE DISTRIBUTION.

5. POSTS WITH PCV'S ARE URGED TO HAVE PERSONNEL APPLY FOR SA VISAS IF FOR NO OTHER THAN POSSIBLE EMERGENCY MEDICAL REASONS.
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